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1. About 27 September 1950 there was a meeting of the heads of all bridge-construction firms in Saxony-Anhalt. A prominent part was taken by a Russian colonel named Pavlov, who said he held an appointment from the East German government. Pavlov announced that the bridge-construction companies were required, effective immediately, to carry out a special order for the strengthening of all road and highway bridges in the Russian zone. Bridges on ordinary roads were to have a load capacity of 30 tons; those on main highways were to have a capacity of at least 60 tons. All other work was to be postponed in favor of this assignment, and the work on all bridges was to be completed within 30 days.
2. All those present were agreed that it would be impossible to carry out the order within the time limit. The meeting therefore decided to select 15 bridges and to complete the strengthening of these 15 within 30 days.

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